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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Minutes are issued, because of the illness of Dr. Vail, by the Rev. D. O. Colegrove, Minister of the Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Church of San Francisco, and Secretary of the California Conference, at my request. On behalf of the men of the Japanese Mission, as well as myself, I express to Dr. Colegrove my great appreciation of his faithful and achieving ministry, which, because of the sudden coronation of Dr. Johnson and the illness of Dr. Vail, has presented peculiar difficulties.

Charles Wesley Burns,
Resident Bishop.

(For Editor's Note See page 96)

# Boards and Committees

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

**H. B. Johnson, Y. Yamaka, S. Saito, Y. Tsuda, S. Takata.**

## JAPANESE EVANGELISTIC SOCIETY

| | |
|---|---|
| **Z. HIROTA** - - - - - - - - - - - - | **President** |
| **Y. TSUDA** - - - - - - - - - - - - | **Secretary** |
| **I. HARATANI** - - - - - - - - - - - | **Treasurer** |

## COMMITTEES, 1925

American Bible Society—T. J. Machida, I. Haratani, H. Satow.

Christian Literature—S. Sato, H. Arima, Y. Tsuda.

Epworth Leagues and Religious Education—C. Haruyama, H. Arima, S. Arima.

Ministerial Support—S. Uemura, Otoe So, Z. Hirota.

Temperance and Social Reform—K. Baba, S. Miyazaki, S. Saito.

World Service—S. Uemura, Otoe So, Z. Hirota, H. Arima, H. B. Johnson.

Work for Women and Children—S. Saito, Mrs. Aiya Okuda, Y. Yamaka.

Evangelism—S. Izaki, K. Baba, C. J. Machida.

## TO REPORT IN 1926

Audit—M. S. Vail and Y. Tsuda.

Publishing the Minutes—The Superintendent and the Secretaries.

Examinations—M. S. Vail, Z. Hirota and S. Takata.

Triers of Appeals—Y. Yamaka, Otoe So and M. S. Vail.

# JOURNAL

### Preliminary Meeting

There was a Preliminary Meeting held from August 31 to September 2, 1925. At this meeting, Dr. H. B. Johnson was Chairman. Important business was attended to. The evening of September Second, a fine reception was tendered to Bishop William O. Shepard and the members of the Conference.

### Annual Meeting

The regular Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its Sessions in the Seattle M. E. Church, September Third at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop W. O. Shepard had charge of this Annual Meeting and led the devotions, delivered an address, and conducted the Sacramental Service assisted by Dr. H. B. Johnson. Following the Lord's Supper, the Bishop proceeded to the organization of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission. The Secretary of the last meeting, at the request of the Bishop, called the Roll, with the following results:

Members present—H. B. Johnson, H. Satow, Z. Hirota, S. Arima, I. Haratani, T. J. Machida, S. Takata, S. Saito, H. Arima, M. S. Vail, K. Baba, S. Uemura, Otoe So, S. Miyazaki, Y. Tsuda, S. Izaki, C. Haruyama, Y. Yamakawa, Mrs. Okuda.

Members Absent—K. Yoshioka, Margret Tann, S. Sumioka and S. Fujinaga.

### Officers

The following officers were elected: English Secretary, M. S. Vail, Japanese Secretary, S. Takata; Statistician, C. Haruyama; Treasurer, H. B. Johnson; Associate Treasurer, Y. Tsuda.

### Committees

The following Committees were elected; Audit—M. S. Vail, Y. Tsuda; American Bible Society—T. J. Machida, I. Haratani, H. Satow; Christian Literature—S. Sato, H. Arima, Y. Tsuda; Epworth Leagues and Religious Education—C. Haruyama, H. Arima, S. Arima; Home Missions and Church Extension—H. B. Johnson, Y. Yamaka, S. Saito, Y. Tsuda, S. Takata; Ministerial Support—S. Uemura, Otoe So, Z. Hirota, Temperance and Social Reform—K. Baba, S. Miyazaki, S. Saito; World Service—S. Uemura, Otoe So, Z. Hirota, H. Arima, H. B. Johnson; Work for Women and Children—S. Saito, Mrs. Aiya Okuda, Y. Yamaka; Evangelism—S. Izaki, K. Baba, C. J. Machida.

### Superintendent's Report

The character of Dr. Johnson was passed and he read his report and also the report of Mrs. McCallum for the Woman's Work.

The characters of Milton S. Vail and Z. Hirota were passed and they read their reports of the Anglo-Japanese School and the Japanese

Evangelistic Society. These four reports were received and ordered printed in the Official Minutes.

Dr. Johnson spoke feelingly of his deep appreciation of the thoughtful help and kindness of the brethren during his illness. Bishop Shepard expressed his gratitude that God had spared Dr. Johnson for the great work he is accomplishing for the Master. The Bishop spoke lovingly of the forty-six years of service of the Secretary, Milton S. Vail, in the line of Christian Education. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

### Introductions

Harukichi Satow and Yonosuki Sasaki of the Japan Methodist Church were introduced as were also Dr. George B. Dean, Evangelistic Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and Dr. Edward Laird Mills, Editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate. Both spoke briefly. Race Prejudice must be dissipated by Christian influences; the Advocates of our Church are helping much along this line. Dr. Dean would speak at length tomorrow.

Dr. Byron Wilson, District Superintendent of the Seattle District made a short address. Others introduced were; J. Aoki, S. Okamoto, lay delegates, Rev. A. Vereide, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, Rev. S. Nakanishi of Canada, Mrs. Helen McClellan in charge of the Womans Home in Seattle, Rev. Everett, Miss T. Nagasawa and Rev. H. Ehergren of the Danish Church.

Dr. Dean was requested to represent the Home and Foreign Boards of our Church tomorrow. Dr. Dean again briefly addressed the meeting, a hymn was sung, Bishop Shepard pronounced the benediction and we stood adjourned until Friday.

### Second Business Session

Friday, September 4, 1925. The meeting was opened at 9 o'clock with the singing of a Hymn, and a prayer by the Bishop, who called on Dr. G. B. Dean to address the Conference, which he did, giving a heart searching address.

### Conference Board

On motion of Dr. Johnson, the laymen, J. Aoki and S. Okamoto, and the ministers, S. Saito and Y. Yamaka were selected to meet with the members of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, this afternoon.

S. Takata was appointed to take the place of Z. Hirota on the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

### Greetings Received

A telegram of kind greetings from H. Shigeta of Pueblo was read by Dr. Johnson. Also very interesting letters were received from C Tagashira of Boston University and S. Yoshioka of Japan, and also a telegram from S. Kawashima of New York. The Secretaries were requested to send kindest greetings in return.

On motion of, Otoe So, it was voted that the letter from Semei Yoshioka be translated into Japanese and published in the Gokyo.

Rev. Y. Tsuda was added to the Board of Examiners.

**The Official Minutes**

It was voted that the editing and publishing of the Minutes be given to the Superintendent and Secretaries with power to make any necessary corrections.

**Reports of Pastors**

Reports of Pastors were called and given, the character of each being passed as the names were called. Bakersfield, H. Sato; Berkeley, Z. Hirota; Denver, H. B. Johnson for Y. Yoshioka; Fresno, T. Machida; Brawley, S. Arima; Florin, I. Haratani; Loomis, S. Takata.

**Laymen's Addresses**

Mr. S. Okumoto and Mr. S. Izumi made very earnest appeals for increased financial help and better equipment in all our churches, in order to keep the Second Generation under Religious Influences. Rev. S. Saito moved a resolution that was carried, to request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to carfully consider the matter.

**Addresses**

Dr. McGee, pastor of the First Church, Seattle, was introduced and spoke a few words. Dr. G. B. Dean then spoke for some time, very clearly and sympathetically concerning the needs of the Mission, and of the desire of the Board to help in every way, and he stressed the importance of seeking the salvation of souls. Bishop Shepard followed him, speaking along the same lines. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Shepard.

**Third Business Session**

Friday, September 4, 1925. At 2:30 p. m., Bishop Shepard took the chair. A Hymn was sung and Dr. Johnson offered prayer.

**Pastor's Reports Concluded**

Pastor's Reports were made as follows: Los Angeles, S. Saito; Dr. Johnson reported for S. Sumioka; Oakland, H. Arima; Oxnard, K. Baba; Palo Alto, Dr. Johnson for S. Fujinaga; Portland, S. Uemura; Pueblo, Dr. Johnson for H. Shigeta; Riverside, Otoe So; Sacramento, S. Miyazawa; San Francisco, Y. Tsuda; San Jose, S. Haruyama; Seattle, Y. Yamaka; Spokane, Dr. Johnson; Tacoma, S. Izaki; Vacaville, Y. Tsuda; West Nebraska, not reported.

The meeting then adjourned with prayer by Bishop Shepard.

**Fourth Business Session**

On Saturday, September 5, at 8:30 a. m., the fourth business Session was opened. Hymn 162 was sung, prayer was offered and the Bishop gave an address. The Minutes of previous meetings were read and

approved.

Dr. Ousterhaut, the Superintendent of the Chinese and Japanese in Canada gave an interesting address.

Mrs. S. Okuda gave a report of work in Spokane.

T. J. Machida's case was considered and it was voted by the Mission that we recommend the California Conference that he be received into the said Conference and placed in the First Class of the Course of Study.

**Introductions**

Dr. Guy Talbot, Secretary of Near East Relief was introduced and he presented his cause. S. Okumoto took leave of the Conference, being obliged to return home.

Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held? Ans. Santa Cruz.

Reports of Standing Committees were received and read. On account of delay in receiving some Statistical Reports, it was agreed that these reports might be compiled later.

**Concerning Adjournment**

After the reading of the Reports it was voted that after the services of Sunday morning, the reading of Resolutions and Appointments, our Annual Meeting stand adjourned sine die.

After a very earnest season of prayer, the meeting adjourned to enjoy the beautiful hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Furuya.

**Sunday, September 6, 1925**

A love feast was held and Bishop Shepard preached an appropriate sermon. A loving cup was presented to K. Baba who had reached the age of 70 years. The Resolutions and Appointments were read and the Benediction pronounced and the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Pacific Japanese Mission stood adjourned.

MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

**Certification**

We hereby certify that the above is a correct report of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Pacific Japanese Mission and that the English Minutes were adopted as its Official Record of proceedings.

WILLIAM O. SHEPARD, President
MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS —1925

1. Who are on trial in Studies of the First Year?
   Recommended that T. J. Machida be admitted on Trial in the California Conference and placed in the Studies of the First Year.
   Recommended that Sumihiko Arima and C. J. Tagashira (both California Conference) be continued in the Studies of the First Year.
2. Who are on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of the Second Year?
   Recommended that Seichi Niwa (California Conference) be continued in the Studies of the Second Year.
   (b) In Studies of the Third Year?
   None.
   (c) In Studies of the Fourth Year?
   None.
3. Who are Members of the Conference in the Studies of the Third Year?
   Recommended that Harukichi Satow, a Deacon and Member in Full in the East Japan Conference of the Japan Methodist Church, be admitted by transfer into the California Annual Conference and placed in the Studies of the Third Year.
   Recommended that Chozo Haruyama (California Conference) be advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.
4. Who are Members of the Conference in the Studies of the Fourth Year?
   Recommended that Shigeichi Miyazaki be elected to Elder's Orders and discharged from the Course of Study.
5. What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?
   (a) In Reguar Course?
   Chozo Haruyama, 1924, (California Conference).
   (b) As Local Preachers? None.
   (c) Under Missionary Rule? None.
   (d) Under Seminary Rule? None.
6. What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?
   Masaich Nagai at the Southern California Conference, 1924.
7. What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Elders?
   (a) In Regular Course? None.
   (b) As Local Deacons? None.
   (c) Under Missionary Rule? None.
   (d) Under Seminary Rule? None.
8. What Local Preachers have been Ordained Elders? None.
9. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?
   This was strictly attended to in open meeting.
10. What was the Statistical Report for this Year?
    See Table of Statistics.

11. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as ordered by the General Conference and reported by the Treasurer?
    $3,748.00
12. Where are the Preachers Stationed.
    See Appointments.
13. Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?
    Santa Cruz, California.

**Special Notation:**

Recommended to the California Annual Conference that Suich Sumioka, an Elder in the California Annual Conference, be changed to the Supernumerary Relation in order that he may spend the year in Japan.

Recommended that Yonosuke Sasaki, a Member in Full and an Elder in the East Japan Conference of the Japan Methodist Church be admitted into the California Annual Conference by Transfer and recognized as having completed the Conference Course of Study.

## APPOINTMENTS OF THE PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION — 1925

### Bishop William O. Shepard, Presiding

NOTE: All appointments in California unless otherwise noted. Undergraduates in black; Supplies and Conference Relations in parentheses.

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Berkeley—(**S. Takizawa**) (East Japan Conference) ..... 1
Denver and Inter-Mountain Circuit—Z. Hirota (Calif. Conf.) and.... 1
**S. Arima** (California Conference) ..... 1
Florin—I. Haratani (California Conference) ..... 3
Fresno-Selma Circuit—(T. J. Machida) ..... 2
Imperial Valley—(**S. Miyazaki**) (California Conference) ..... 1
Loomis—S. Takata (California Conference) ..... 4
Los Angeles—S. Saito (California Conference) ..... 2
Oakland—H. Arima (California Conference) ..... 2
Oxnard—(K. Baba) ..... 4
Palo Alto—(S. Sato) ..... 1
Portland and Oregon Circuit—S. Uemura (California Conference).... 6
Riverside Federated Church—Otoe So (California Conference) ..... 2
Sacramento and Marysville—K. Yoshioka (Calfornia Conference).... 1
San Francisco—Y. Tsuda (California Conference) ..... 3
San Jose—**C. Haruyama** (California Conference) ..... 3
Seattle and W. Washington Circuit—Y. Yamaka (Calif. Conf.) and.... 5
Y. Sasaki (East Japan Conference) ..... 1
Southern Colorado Circuit—(H. Shigeta) ..... 3
Spokane, Washington—To be Supplied .....
Tacoma, Washington—S. Izaki (California Conference) ..... 3
Vacaville—Y. Tsuda, San Francisco (California Conference) ..... 3
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C. **Haruyama**—(Calif. Conf.) Director of Religious Education of Pacific Japanese Mission with residence at 566 N. 5th St., San Jose.

Miss Margret Tann—Young People's Work in San Francisco.
2025 Pine Street, San Francisco

At School—**C. Tagashira (Calif. Conf.)** Boston School of Theology, Boston, Mass.

At School—**S. Niwa** (California Conference)

S. Kawashima—(Calif. Conf.) Missionary in New York

S. Imai—Transferred to East Japan Conf. from Calif. Conf. and returned to Japan.

S. Sumioka—(Calif. Conf.) On Furlough in Japan.

# Report of Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent

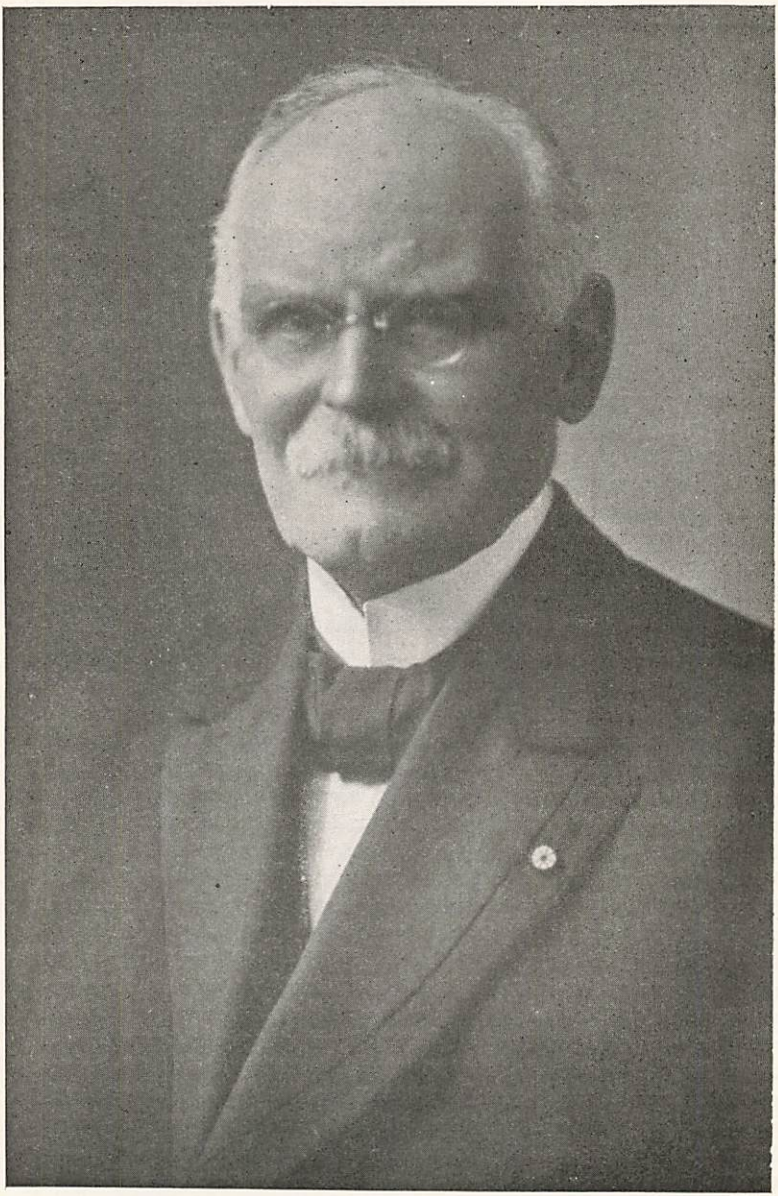
Bishop Shepard:

It gives us a great pleasure to greet you a second time as the President of our Annual Meeting. Since you were with us before, at Los Angeles in 1912, soon after your election as Bishop, great changes have taken place in the Pacific Japanese Mission. Two thirds of our present staff have come to us since that date, the only members of the Mission who were with us then being, besides the Superintendent, Z. Hirota, M. S. Vail, K. Yoshioka, K. Baba, Otoe So, S. Uemura, and Y. Yamaka, our pastor host. The two latter are laboring within your own Area, one at Portland and the other at Seattle. Though there have been very serious difficulties to overcome, the Mission has made substantial progress during this period. We have doubled in Full Membership and in the Valuation of Church Property, have increased four fold in the amounts contributed for Disciplinary Benevolences and Ministerial Support, and have increased about seven fold in Sunday School Enrollment. We are still making progress.

**Reasons for Special Thanksgiving:**

At the very begining of this report, I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for His goodness during the year. At the time of our last Annual Meeting, my health was very precarious. I was slowly recovering from an unusually severe attack of the Flu. Through the advice of Bishop Burns, I took it as easy as possible until after Christmas though no important matter was neglected. I began visiting the chuches more and more, and since the opening of Spring I have visited every charge from Seattle to Brawley in the Imperial Valley and from San Francisco to Denver and Pueblo in Colorado. I have visited Los Angeles about once a month, and several other places quite frequently. My health seems to have been fully restored for which I am especially grateful. After suffering with cataracts on both eyes for several years, Mrs. Johnson had a successful operation on the right eye in February and is now living in a new world, which is an additional reason for thanksgiving. I have not words to express our appreciation to our Japanese members and friends for their many acts of kindness and for the very substantial present which they made to us. We received constant assurances that we we being remembered in prayer, and this I believe was a large factor in our complete recovery.

Other members of the Mission have been very ill and have recovered, including especially brother Uemura of Portland and his wife and Dr. and Mrs. Vail. Quite recently brother Haruyama of San Jose, while extending courtesies to Dr. Sato of Japan, had a marvelous escape from death in an auto accident, and is now recovering from



HERBERT BUELL JOHNSON

*For Twenty-one years the Superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission.*

# Tribute of Bishop Burns To Dr. H. B. Johnson.

(An extract from the address of Bishop Burns at the funeral services of Dr. Johnson, held in Trinity Church, Berkeley, Monday, November 30, 1925.)

"The measure both of my appreciation and sorrow in ths service is evidenced in the cancellation of many speaking engagements in Chicago in the Cultivation Campaign of the Board of Home Missions. Great as was the disappointment in the curtailment of the campaign, no less great is my sense of privilege in representing Methodism at the funeral service of Herbert B. Johnson. Through a generation he has served the Kingdom and the Church in a service as conspicuous for Christian statesmanship as it was distinctive for sacrificial consecration. For more than twenty years he has been our outstanding Christian statesman facing the Orient, giving to the Japanese not only the wealth of his experience and ripeness of intellectual guidance, but the love and devotion of his great Gulf-streamed heart. Methodism is sorely bereaved in the passing of this heroic Kingdom building and missionary chieftan. Half way across the continent I have come to express the sense of personal loss of my closest counsellor and to bear the sympathetic greeting of the Board of Home Missions--particularly of Dr. D. D. Forsyth, with whom Dr. Johnson has co-operated through many fruitful and significant years. We can never forget that his triumphant coronation took place en route to the meeting at Indianapolis, of the Board that he so greatly honored and so devotedly served.

"Such a life needs no eulogy, but with a sense of sore personal loss yet triumphant faith in his home-going, I speak these words in behalf of myself, the members of the Japanese Mission whom he served and loved with outstanding devotion and the great church today bowed by the loss of a great leader. Like Shaftsbury, "This man went down to his death amid the admiration of the rich and the benedictions of the poor."

quite severe cuts and bruises. The pastor of this church, Y. Yamaka, and his wife have both been quite ill during the year and are now among those who have fully recovered. To Jesus, the Great Physician, we express our great gratitude and hearty thanks.

**More Hopeful International Relations**

It is an open secret that the situation was unusually tense at the time of our last Annual Meeting, due to the passing of the Immigration Law which became effective July first. To indicate the intense feeling of disappointment on the part of the Japanese, I quote a statement made by Viscount Kentaro Kaneko on resigning the presidency of the American-Japan Society which he had been largely influential in founding and of which he had been the president from the beginning. His act was the more signficant in view of his education at Boston and Harvard a half century ago and his constant and increased friendship for America and Americans. It was he who had suggested the appointment of a "Joint High Commission" by the two governments in order to secure a possible solution satisfactory to both Japan and America.

A portion of Viscount Kaneko's Statement follows: "What we cannot understand is this: when Americans in foreign countries experience racial discrimination, the American Government makes a protest and asserts their rights; but when a Japanese in America is treated with the same discrimination, they say it is a domestic question for America, and the Japanese Government has no right to interfere." - - - - "The Bills, in spite of the opposition of the press, Christian Communities, Secretary of State and President, were passed with an overwhelming majority and enacted as law to take effect on the first of July last."

"Again what we cannot understand is this: if the American Government or Legislature found it necessary to exclude the Japanese laborers, why did they not approach our Government and negotiate with them? If they had done so, our Government would have done anything to satisfy American wishes: for our Government and our people have not the slightest idea of insisting on sending our laborers to America; because in fact they were first sent on America's own invitation to fill up the gap left by the Chinese after the enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Law of 1882. Moreover, we all understand the necessity and right of America to keep he country free as possible of non-eligible aliens. But what we demand is to have our national honor respected. International friendship has other foundations than occasions of social and individual intercourse; its deeper and stronger foundations are laid in equal treatment and mutual respect.

"Thus for more than forty years have I tried to contribute whatever lay in my humble power to cultivate a felicitous and cordial feeling between the two countries: therefore when I learned the Immigration Bill was passed in so drastic a manner and with such an over-

whelming majority, I felt as if the hope of my life were destroyed. It was 'the unkindest cut of all' and the wounds will not be healed so long as the racial discrimination clause remains in the law." Viscount Kaneko later accepted the position of Honorary President of the Japan-America Society, Prince Tokugawa becoming the President.

It was just this type of leading Japanese that the present writer had in mind when he framed the letter to President Coolidge which was unanimously adopted by the General Conference at Springfield in May, 1924. One paragraph reads: "It would be a great calamity for leading citizens of Japan to change their attitude, who for a generation have been outstanding advocates of peace, and who have recently expressed publicly the hope that the United States may be as liberal with her justice as she was with her benevolence following the unprecented disaster of the earthquake and fire in September last."

Both the Americans and the Japanese who were present at the unofficial conference recently held in Honolulu are hopeful of a better situation. Some of the Japanese delegates have recently been here on the Pacific Coast, and several leading Americans who have returned are optmisitic as to the future. I greatly regreted that I was unable to attend. The method of talking over serious problems frankly around the council table cannot be too highly commended.

In my Annual Report two years ago, I referred to a Pacific Coast Oriental Survey that was then being undertaken jointly by the Institute of Social and Religious Research of New York and Regional Committees on the Pacific Coast representing varied interests, as Church Organizations, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, Universities, Civic and Patriotic Bodies, etc. The Japanese Exclusion League, The Native Sons of the Golden West. The American Legion, and other organizations were invited to participate and did so to a certain extent. Dr. Park of the Chicago University was placed in general charge. The present writer was asked to prepare the report on religious conditions. It was quite exhaustive and probably will not be printed in full. Some weeks ago representatives from different parts of the Pacific Coast were invited to meet at the Stanford University to hear and discuss Dr. Park's preliminary report. He had the co-operation of experts in social and economic phases under review, and these features naturally claimed the most attention. There was nothing in the report as presented to justify the radical action of Congress nor much of the agitation leading up to it. I had anticipated this from the beginning, and in the resolution passed by the last General Conference, already referred to, suggested that the pending legislation was inopportune, and that if given time, the Survey Committee could produce data of untold value as a basis in dealing with the Oriental peoples in our varied international relations. After a careful study by experts, extending over the most of

two years, little was found to justify the Congressional action. There is a growing sentiment, especially in Christian circles, that some other solution must be found. In the mean time, the Japanese people on the Pacific Coast have been patient and are adjusting themselves to the new situation. This is a very hopeful sign.

**Our Opportunity and Task:**

To quote a portion of my report presented to the Survey Committee: "The missionary here, whether Superintendent or foreign pastor, is and of necessity must be an interpreter of the ideas and customs and spirit. In their bewilderment, in the midst of opposition born of prejudice, it is difficult for Oriental residents in the United States to discriminate and to understand the real spirit of Christianity. Kindness shown them at such times and unselfish service rendered make possible their coming into that close contact with real Christianity which brings them into vital relation with its Founder. The go-between fills a large place in the Orient and among Oriental peoples. There is no more important field for this type of service than in our midst where there is so much misunderstanding and consequent prejudice. The missionary to the Japanese on the Pacific Coast has unusual opportunities of standing between the Occident and the Orient as their representatives mingle on the Pacific Coast. The physician of today performs his largest service by preventing trouble. Why not the missionary? Such ministry here has large influence also across the Pacific in the homelands of our Oriental residents."

To quote still further from my report to the Survey Committee: "The task of the Christian forces is to Americanize them and to evangelize both the adults and the children. This includes, for the time at least, organizing them into self-supporting and self-propogating churches, which is difficult in any Mission enterprise. The ideal is gradually to secure their assimilation into the American churches, but this under present circumstanaces must be slow of accomplishment. Hence it has been necessary, as in the case of other foreign speaking groups, to carry forward the work by the use of their native language. Gradually, and of late quite rapidly, the work has been developing in English, especially among the second generation."

**Varied Activities in our Churches and Missions:**

I cannot mention all of the work in all of the churches nor even some of the work in many of them. What is mentioned is largely typical of all. The preaching and pastoral work of the pastors are the basis of all the activities and are fundimental. A few illusrations of special activities will be given. At Portland, in addition to the regular services at the church which are well attended, street meetings are held down-town Sunday evenings with the co-operation of the young men. The Epworth League is having a strong influence among High School and College students. The meetings are conducted entirely in English. In co-operation with the Woman's Home Mission-

ary Society, an English Kindergarten is conducted with the double object of preparing children for the public schools and of evangelising them and their parents. Other organizations are the Sunday School, the Daily Vacation Bible School, the Japanese Language School, the Music Class, the King's Heralds, and the Ladies Aid Society.

The work of the young people in the Seattle Japanese Church is worthy of special recognition. The Sunday School is unusually well organized and conducted under the superintedency of Mr. S. Izumi. It is conducted almost entirely in English, thirteen of the twenty teachers being Americans. In addition to the Epworth League and Sunday School, there are the Junior Church, Boy Scouts, and Junior League. The young people's work is also being strongly maintained at Tacoma. The Young Men's Bible Class conducts a Night School, and under the organization of the Epworth League the same young men have been holding vesper services at one of the large mills which employ many Japanese. The Girl's Service League rolls bandages and make scrap books for use in the Tubercular Hospital near Tacoma and in China. The Junior Church has an attendance of about fifty. There have been special features of the work among the children at Spokane under the leadership of Mrs. Aya Okuda in co-operation with Mrs. Will L. McGahan representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Parties were given to the mothers of the children of the Kindergarten on Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine and May Day. In connection with the Christmas party, the children made all the ornaments for the tree. The last day of school, the children entertained their parents and friends with songs, drills and games, and exhibited their handiwork. The Kindergarten closed with a picnic which was a memorable occasion. This could all be repeated concerning the work by the American ladies for the children at Seattle and elsewhere. At Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, Los Angeles and in other places, the evening services are given over once a month to the young people, and are in English. Frequently American speakers, pastors, League and Sunday School representatives and others are chosen, with the result that the tie between the American and Japanese Churches is becoming stronger. Special attention is given to music at Oakland, though this church, by no means, has a monopoly. Under the leadership of Mrs. Cora Kling, fine senior and junior choirs have been developed. The male quartette which forms a part of the former, has become very popular in American churches. At Mountain View, the young people prepared an unusually fine cantata which was later repeated in the American church and was received with great favor. Successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been conducted at Berkeley, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento and elsewhere which have not only been helpful to the children and their parents, but have been of great advantage to the churches and Sunday School as well. Comparatively little Mission money has so far

been expended in this way, but I know of no better opportunity for helpful service through our giving. Both Americans and Japanese have been very helpful in this work.

The Young People's work has had a marvelous development at San Jose and other points in the Santa Clara Valley under the direction Brother C. Haruyama, who has served jointly as pastor and Sunday School Missionary. A rally was held in the late Spring at San Jose attended by representatives of about ten schools. Games and stunts were indulged in, and there were contests both in the open and at the church. The singing and recitation of Scripture made a deep impression upon the visitors. It is impossible to comprehend the influence of this work.

In all our Churches and Missions, much emphasis is placed upon special days, as Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, etc. I refer particularly to public services for which most careful preparation is made. Unusually fine programs were sent me from all sections this year, and it was my privilege to attend many services personally. These are unusual occasions of interesting outside people as well as constituents in the work of the Church. Family meetings have a large place in the churches. They combine, with fine effect, the prayer and class meetings with the social services, and are usually held in groups, which is a great advantage in reaching new folks. Special evangelistic meetings are held from time to time, the pastors frequently assisting each other.

**Bi-Lingual Work:**

Emphasis has been placed upon the fact that increasingly our Mission work is carried on through the medium of the English language. It is not to be understood that the Japanese language is no longer necessary or that the time is near at hand when all work can be done in English. While most of the fathers and mothers speak English fairly well, especially those who have contact with Americans in business relations, for those born in Japan the Japanese language will be necessary for years to come. People are generally reached religiously much more easily through the mother tongue than by an acquired one. Even in business meetings in the churches, it is a great advantage for the Superintendent to understand and speak the Japanese language.

But there is another phase that needs special consideration, namely the importance of teaching the Japanese language in our churches. The experience of the Government in connection with preparation for the World War, when it became necessary to teach English to a large number of adult foreign born prospective soldiers, and the propaganda on the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii looking toward restriction or discontinuance of Japanese Language Schools, particularly under Buddhist auspices, have led many to conclude that special schools for teaching Japanese to American born Japanese should not be en-

couraged under any circumstances. With the great majority of our Japanese residents, the reason for Japanese language schools is not to develop the Nationalistic spirit. The people of Japanese blood in America, whether born in Japan or in America, for the most part are American in spirit and are in love with our institutions.

A large percentage of these people would greatly appreciate the high privilege of becoming American citizens, and the American born prize their American citizenship. Then why the necessity for Japanese language schools, particularly connected with the churches? I mention in this connection two or three reasons only. The children cannot get a knowledge of this language in the public or High Schools. There is a natural desire to secure a better knowledge of Japanese culture and customs than is possible through the English tongue. Both parents and children desire that the younger generation be able to correspond with relatives in Japan. Experience has proven that visits to Japan by our Japanese young people are far more pleasant and profitable if they have even a knowledge of the spoken language. There is little prospect of large numbers of them desiring to go to Japan for permanent residence. The position taken by the Supreme Court, in reviewing the Oregon School Law, assumes that parents have the privilege and right, under proper restriction and supervision, of providing such instructions for their children. It is certainly wise to do this under Christian auspices. Up to the present time, both on the Coast and in Hawaii, the Buddhist leaders have promoted and conducted such schools, and not without some suspicion. They are more determined than ever to maintain their hold upon the second generation in this country and will, within the law, certainly provide for such instruction if we don't, and whether we do or not. Because of the keen competition, our pastors and people are much more eager than formerly to conduct Japanese language schools under the most favorable conditions. One hour a day, after regular school hours, is all the time required. Such schools should unquestionably be encouraged. They can be of great advantage in many ways.

Our official paper is the Japanese American Christian Advocate, popularly known as the "Gokyo." It has eleven pages in Japanese and one in English, and an edition of 1,700 is circulated monthly. The budget system is followed. About one third of the cost is provided by a missionary appropriation. The English page has been a feature for about three years, and is becoming increasingly popular. Other papers, more local in scope, have been published in Colorado and in the Northwest, and English papers are prepared and circulated in mimeograph form, by our Leagues at Sacramento and Oakland. The former has been occupied largely with the amusement question which is vital in our churches and in the social life of the second generation. Our Japanese people are great readers. Books and magazines are imported from Japan, and strong daily and weekly papers are published in Japanese in the larger cities of the Coast. Our paper meets an

urgent and growing need, even though the editorial work is cared for by the pastor at Loomis, E. S. Takata, and his associates who are also busy pastors.

**Need of Modern Equipment:**

The need of modern equipment can perhaps best be illustrated by the church in which we are meeting for this Annual Session. This society undertook the impossible when the church was built in 1912. There were only ninety members, and they had been under very unusual expense for temporary quarters. They purchased the lot the year before for $5,000, toward which the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions contributed $3,000. The building cost $9,500, toward which the Seattle Union contributed $1,000, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension $4,000, and the local society $4,500, or $7,000, including the lot. Not until now have they been able to put in their pews. This has been accomplished this year at a cost of about $900, and in addition the church has repaired the roof at a cost of $200, and put in fixtures in the gallery for the convenience of the Sunday School at an additional cost of $300, making in all $1,400. No one will say that this church is equipped for the work it has to do. We are thankful for what we have, but must provide adequately for modern church work at the earliest moment possible. When the church was built, two officers and teachers were reported for fifty pupils. Now there are twenty classes and over three hundred pupils. Fortunately, the school is blessed with an unusual corps of officers and teachers, but with inadequate equipment compared with the public schools where the children of Japanese residents attend in common with all others.

This situation is true of most of our Japanese churches which report property, except that in many cases the cost was far less and the contribution of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension comparatively small. In Tacoma, Spokane, Pueblo, Berkeley, and Palo Alto we have no property at all and are obliged to rent old houses which are unsuitable. In Sacramento, we have a parsonage only, with a fine new basement put in this year at a cost of about $3,000, which is used for the Sunday School. The need is particularly pressing now at Berkeley, Sacramento, and Tacoma. Notwithstanding the fact that most of our churches paid their apportionments in full for the five Centenary years, we have received comparatively little during this period for property. However, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has done its utmost.

There are two notable exceptions to what has been said as to modern equipment, namely at Brawley and at Los Angeles. In both places modern buildings are under construction, costing respectively about $25,000 and $40,000 with lots. Both are under roof, and we trust that both may be dedicated during the next few months. In both cases the members are contributing most generously. The Board of

Home Missions and Church Extension has contributed $10,000 toward one, and some more than that toward the other. Both are provided with good social rooms and a fine Sunday School addition. In the case of Los Angeles, considerable of the cost will be covered by the sale of the old property which has advanced from three to four fold. We are happy in the prospect of completing both of these buildings in the near future. At Los Angeles we were held up a long time by the failure to secure a building permit, caused by the Anti-Japanese agitation. We finally secured a fine, large, corner lot in a better location, and all are happy at the outcome.

If this seems to any to be a waste of good Missionary money, it should be remembered that the Federated Congregational-Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles have built elsewhere in the city, since we started our enterprise, at a cost of double this amount, largely provided by Mission Boards. Fine Buddhist churches are being built in Los Angeles and at El Centro, near Brawley, and an unusually good Buddhist Church has lately been completed at Sacramento not far from our property. They have remarkably fine buildings at Fresno and elsewhere, and they are preparing for even larger gifts from both the Coast and from Japan. Since this church in Seattle was built, we have had seven fold increase in enrollment in our Sunday Schools and on the Coast, and our very little children of that period are now High School students with all that this implies. Our young people are remarkably loyal to us, but we simply must make better provision for them. To build for today and tomorrow or not to build; that is the question.

**Old and New Work Compared:**

It will be of interest to compare the older Churches, those established by the late Bishop Harris from 1886 to 1904, with those that have been organized later. The work had just been started in Seattle under the former administration, in a very temporary way, but the development has been entirely since the Conference of 1904, when the present writer took up the work. Hence, Seattle is classified with the New Work. Both the old and the new Missions have shown a fine development as indicated by five important items; Full Members, Sunday School Enrollment, Value of Property, Given for Disciplinary Benevolences, and contributed for Ministerial Support. In both cases, the old and the new, the figures given are up to conference a year ago, 1924. I was obliged to leave home to visit the work in the Pacific Northwest before many of the pastor's reports were received. Hence, these figures will be subject to correction after the statistics for the present year are completed.

Prior to 1904, eight Missions had been established in California,—San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Los Angeles, Vacaville, and Riverside. Two had been established outside of California: at Spokane and Portland. As indicated, Seattle was just start-

ing. Missions of other Denominations have been established in all of these ten centers except San Jose, Vacaville, Portland and Spokane. During the second period, Missions or Churches have been established in seven places in California; Oxnard, Bakersfield, Palo Alto, Loomis, Berkeley, Florin, and Brawley; and four places outside of that State—in Seattle and Tacoma in Washington, and Denver and Pueblo in Colorado. The dates indicate the time of the first separate appropriation, though in fact the evangelistic or school work really was started during the second period. In all these eleven places, the Methodist Episcopal Church is the only one represented, except in Berkeley, Seattle, and Tacoma. The figures which follow represent the strength at the last conference, of the old and the new respectively.

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| Full Members (Old) | 923 | |
| Full Members (New) | 749 | |
| Total | | 1672 |
| Sunday School Enrollment (Old) | 1051 | |
| Sunday School Enrollment (New) | 1409 | |
| Total | | 2460 |
| Paid locally for Ministerial Support (Old) | $ 6,925. | |
| Paid locally for Ministerial Support (New) | $ 7,202. | |
| Total | | $ 14,127 |
| Given for Apportioned Benevolences (Old) | $ 2,166. | |
| Given for Apportioned Benevolences (New) | $ 1,662. | |
| Total | | $ 3,828* |

*Which is about $2,000 less than the average for the previous five Centenary years.

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| Value of Property (Old) | $138,150. |
| Value of Property (New) | $ 57,725. |
| Total | $195,875 |

There will certainly be a fine increase in benevolences this year, and in baptisms also, with a probable decrease in Full Members owing to the clear instructions of the General Conference not to report with the Full Members now on the roll, Non-Resident-Inactive Members, which are clearly described. Even though there are apparent losses, it will be a great advantage to have the membership rolls thoroughly revised. During the five Centenary years, the churches of the Pacific Japanese Mission gave for the apportioned benevolences a total of $29,805, or on an average per year of $5,961. Sixteen of the twenty one churches paid their apportionments in full, May 1, 1924. In the above list, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, is not included, as with exception of a short period it was connected with the Inter-Mountain Circuit which is reported with Denver.

**Large Circuits:**

We have several very large circuits, most of which should either be divided or have an associate pastor appointed for the scattered country work. The pastor at Denver is obliged to cover all of Eastern Colo-

rado, and frequently makes trips to the surrounding States. We need a full time man for the work in Arkansas Valley, in the southern part of the State, where there are fine opportunities for development, and another full time worker to be the associate of the Denver pastor, with the South Platte Valley as his special field. There are great possibilities at Brighton, Lupton, Greely, Longmont, and other places, and the field is altogether too large for the Denver pastor. There is another very large field in the Imperial Valley in Southern California. The pastor has resided at Brawley, where the new church is being built, but the circuit from the beginning has been called "Imperial Valley." In the southern part of this great territory, an Independent Church has been established, but the field even now is altogether too large and important for one Methodist pastor. The same is true of the Fresno Circuit in the center of the great San Joaquin Valley. With the exception of Bakersfield and the surrounding country in the southern part of the valley, the vast territory of the San Joaquin is covered by our Fresno pastor. The Official Members are scattered over a territory forty miles long and nearly as wide, and there are great possibilities of development, particularly in developing Sunday Schools. The same is true of the Santa Clara Valley, centering in San Jose. Fortunately we have as pastor, C. Haruyama, who is also serving as Sunday School Missionary. Reference has already been made to the fine Sunday School Rally. There has been an unusual development at Mountain View, where they should have a resident pastor closely associated with the pastor at San Jose. While we have done the best possible, we should have a full time Sunday School Missionary representing the Board of Education in our entire field.

Sacramento and Marysville have been associated in a circuit, but the tendency has been for the pastor at Sacramento to spend most of his time in and about Sacramento. Loomis and Florin were cut off from this circuit some years ago and have developed into fine charges. There are the same or greater possibilities at Marysville which is the natural center of the Japanese in three counties which meet there. This field has been definitely assigned to our Church by the Oriental Mission Council, and our American Methodist people are carrying on a good Sunday School for the Japanese children there. New work is always expensive because of the need of renting property and the lack of self-support until the work is well established. The various Denominations associated in the Oriental Mission Council regard this field important enough for a resident pastor, and it has been suggested that we place a man there at the earliest possible date. We have had but one pastor in the State of Oregon from the beginning, with headquarters at Portland. The other Denominations have so far yielded the field to us, but it is important that we should work it more intensively. For several years, our pastor has been going regularly to the Hood River Valley. The work has developed nicely and several have been baptised. During the past vacation

season, another Denomination, without consultation, has had a Japanese theological student there, but probably without the thought of regularly opening a Mission. Brother Uemura has also made regular trips to Salem where there is another fine opportunity. I personally looked into the situation there during my last trip. It is perfectly clear that one man cannot do all the work required in the entire State, and an associate pastor should be appointed for country work as soon as financial provision can be made. And here in Seattle there is another such field. The need is for a Director of Religious Education who shall specialize in that field and who, together with the resident pastor can look after the thousands of Japanese in the city and surrounding country. Up to the present time, the back country has not been sufficiently developed, but what is one pastor among so many?

**Institutional Work:**

Under the heading, "Institutions," there are three Homes for Japanese Women and Children conducted by the Woman'sHome Missionary Society, and our Anglo-Japanese School in San Francisco, of which Dr. Milton S. Vail is the president. The Catherine P. Blain Home in Seattle, The Ellen Stark Ford Home in San Francisco, and the Jane Couch Home in Los Angeles are "Homes" indeed. They furnish protection, training, and a Christian atmosphere to the women and children, particularly the latter, who are blessed with the privilege of living for a time in such Homes. The San Francisco Home is the oldest and largest of the three. Next comes the one in Seattle which is being enlarged and fitted for special service in connection with the Kindergarten and Day Nursery. Though much smaller, the Los Angeles Home has done and is doing an outstanding piece of work for a limited number. Mrs. J. H. McCallum of San Francisco is the efficient Bureau Secretary who has general charge, and we cannot speak too highly of her and her fine influence. Though unable to be present, she will prepare and submit her annual report. In addition to these three Homes, the Woman's Home Missionary Society conduct. in co-operation with the local Japanese churches, fine kindergartens at Portland and Spokane.

From the very beginning of the Japanese work on the Coast, the Anglo-Japanese School in San Francisco has had a notable history. Some years as high as four hundred students have been enrolled. The past six years, owing to the National Immigration Law, the School has ministered only to one hudred different students, and the average attendance has been less than half this number. A fine class of six young men was graduated at the close of the school year. President Vail will present his own report. However, in this connection I cannot refrain from making special mention of his life service for the Japanese. Going to Japan forty-six years ago as a missionary, he became the founder of the important educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church there. He continued as a Christian educator

until broken health compelled him to return to the homeland. Later, when his health was only partially restored, he began work as a teacher in the Anglo-Japanese School in San Francisco, soon after becomming the principal and later the president. His forty-six years of service are equally divided between Japan and the Pacific Coast. As an educator, a Christian gentleman and steadfast friend, Dr. Vail has been respected and loved by all who have known him. He has been the Secretary of the Pacific Japanese Mission continuously for twenty-one years, since 1904 when I became the Superintendent, a record equaled by few other men. He came this great distance, nearly one thousand miles, at his own personal expense, in order to be present as usual at our Annual Meeting.

**Leadership and Laymen:**

There are two other topics that I must discuss briefly in closing this report. The first is the development of leaders. A year ago, two of our young men left us for a time to attend school. We congratulate C. T. Tagashira on completing his course at Boston and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. After completing the work in Sacramento High School and the University of California and taking most of the work in the Pacific School of Religion, and also the required work for his Master's Degree in the University, he went east for further preparation. He desires to stay one more year for special work. We are anticipating his return with keen interest. S. Niwa, also was excused to go to school, otherwise he would be ready for Deacon's orders this year. He spent the year at the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, and this Fall desires to enter one of our Methodist Colleges in this State. He took his course in Divinity at Aoyama, Tokyo. This year, E. S. Fujinaga, our student pastor at Palo Alto, graduated from Stanford University with the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in the course in Classical Literature, and this Fall, he expects to go to Garrett Biblical Institute. We are fortunate in receiving into our ranks this year, Shiro Takizawa, who recently graduated from Victoria College, at Toronto, Canada. He is a graduate of the regular five year course of the Theological Department of Kwansei Gakuin, at Kobe, Japan. He has given special attention to Newspaper Evangelism and Religious Education. We cordially welcome him.

Last year the Conference cheered as we appointed Miss Margaret Tann as Special Worker for Young People in San Francisco and the Bay Cities. She is a graduate of the High School at Santa Cruz, and of the San Francisco National Training School. With several other Methodist young people, she was selected to visit Japan by the subscribers to the Japanese-American, the leading Japanese Daily on the Coast. It was a fine vacation and a memorable trip. Miss Tann's work has been all that we expected, and we regret that she cannot be with us at this Conference. Following her example, and through

her influence, two other Japanese women are entering the National Training School this Fall, one from our Berkeley Church, now residing in Turlock, and one from Sacramento. I have heard of other possibilities from Southern California. We cannot properly speak of our gratitude that God is thus raising up high grade workers for our important work among the Japanese on the Coast.

And what shall I say of our laymen? They are a great encouragement to our pastors and to me. More and more they are carrying the burdens of the Church. I have been greatly impressed with the high type of our church officials, both men and women, as I have held the Quarterly Conferencs during the past few months. Some are greatly interested in providing insurance for the pastors and their families. At a recent meeting of the laymen held at Oakland, representing the churches between Sacramento and San Jose, steps were taken to advance our work in that part of California. The policy of this Mission is not to regard the pastors and other workers as employees of the Board of Home Missions or the Superintendent. Grants-in-aid are made to the various churches and Missions which determine the salaries of the pastors, and through their laymen raise the amount in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. There is a growing appreciation of the pastors and a determination to provide them better support. To these pastors and their laymen, who co-operate so heartily with them, must be given large credit for the work of the year. Without them, the success of the Mission would be impossible.

# Anglo-Japanese School, 1924-1925

**Milton S. Vail, President.**

Dear Bishop Shepard and members of the Japanese Mission:

I am now presenting my twenty-second Annual report of our School, but this School dates back into the 80's, and is over 40 years old. During these years, it has accomplished a noble work for the young men and young women of Japan, who are seeking the best things that America has to give. Race Prejudice has caused the enactment of laws, making it very difficult for these young people to come to America at all. As a result, our School, that once used to have hundreds and be overenrolled, has fallen below the enrollment of last year, to less than one hundred, yet our School has kept up its high reputation and graduated six fine young men, who are determined to make something of themselves.

The teachers, all of whom continued to do good service, were H. Machida, Miss Elizabeth Rogers, Miss Emma Dornin, Mrs. Helen Morse, Miss Sarah Sinclair, and Mrs. Marie Duncan. The last two came once a week, and rendered service without pay. Mr. Machida

was obliged to return to Japan early in June. For eighteen years, this teacher of Translation did excellent work, and through his guidance a drunkard and gambler was turned into a thouroughly reformed man, who out of gratitude, defrayed Mr. Machida's expenses back to Japan.

During the year, we have had an erollment of 88 pupils, 51 during the Fall Term, and 37 in the Spring Term; of these 30 were women and and 58 men. Our pastor gave weekly addresses to the pupils, that were much appreciated, and they surely will produce a harvest of souls into the Kingdom of Christ; his addresses have already resulted in several baptisms.

### FINANCES

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| Receipts from the Mission (Exclusive of the President's salary) | $ 504.00 |
| Received from Tuition | $ 418.00 |
| Received from Rents (net) | $ 291.13 |
| Total | $1213.13 |

**Expenditures**

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| Teachers | $ 821.00 |
| Janitor | $ 96.00 |
| Gas and Eleectricity | $ 74.43 |
| Ads in 3 papers | $ 59.00 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 157.70 |
| Total | $1213.13 |

### President's Work

Aside from teaching, the President has many matters to attend to, and on reading the account of a Misionary's work in a foreign Field, for one day, "That is very much like my field", I said. Except when asleep, the interest of our churches and School are upon my mind and heart.

### Does It Pay?

Does it pay to pour out your life blood in the cause? To become, in a certain sense, isolated from the society of your kindred, in order to devote yourself to strangers? Yes, it pays, doubly pays, and I would not change my place for the choicest Professorship in any American College.

The other day, a well-to-do rancher, said to Pastor Tsuda, "I am not a Christian, but I was years ago a student in the School in San Francisco, and it helped me, and so I give you some money for your work." Another man, a laundry-man, is sending me regularly, $2.50 every other month for the support of our Young People's Worker.

The letters that I frequently receive from old students are full of appreciation for the help the School has given them.

Rev. Miyazawa, a pastor in Tokyo, sent me a letter. In it he said,

"Dr. Johnson is always urging the Pastors to push the work for the Japanese people." "Mr. Vail is beating a drum, and the sound of it comes to us in far-off Japan, and I am doing the best I can for my poor people in Japan."

### What of the Future?

What about the future? We must move carefully and adapt ourselves to existing conditions. For the sake of holding our young people, let the social side be emphasized, and also let a School for the study of the Japanese language be added. We should not allow ourselves to become discouraged because of the circumstances which have resulted in a decreased attendance. On the other hand, it is important to so modify our plans, as to best meet present day needs. Our former students are making good everywhere, as small farmers, teachers, dentists, physicians and in other vocations. The name itself, The Anglo-Japanese School, San Francisco, is a great asset, because so well-known up and down the coast. May God continue to bless our School and make it more successful than ever.

## THE WOMANS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

### Japanese and Korean Bureau: Mrs. J. H. McCallum, Secy.

The Japanese Bureau can report a splendid year in each of our four Homes, and fine results in Christian Leadership.

### Susannah Wesley Home:

Susannah Wesley Home, in Honolulu, with six American workers and 100 children, has set a standard of excellence and efficiency that is recognized by all. Some of the older girls have gone out of the Home to study and train for nursing, business life, and missionary work; but more have been happily married and have started new Christian homes of their own.

### Jane Couch Home:

The children of Jane Couch Home in Los Angeles are examples of what a happy Christian home can produce. Our hopes for this home are that soon, in some way, plans may be made so that Jane Couch Home and its happy family may be located nearer to the new Japanese church. Every one, big and little, are members and workers in the church. Contentment and happiness prevail in this home.

### Ellen Stark Ford Home:

Ellen Stark Ford Home in San Francisco began the year with a change of Superintendents, and an increase in the number of children, five of them coming in from one family last week. Three little children from Portland, Oregon, came down to be inmates of this Home.

Some necessary improvements—such as a new fire escape, painting, papering, etc, have made our Home more comfortable and attractive. Our girls stand well in their studies and deportment and are a credit

to our Home and to our Work.

**Catherine Blain Home:**

Catherine Blain Home in Seattle has found it necessary to erect a temporary building on the rear of our Home, to house the Kindergarten and other activities that we have started with the children and young people. We hope to report next year a wonderful year in our new building.

We are deeply grateful to the many kind friends who rendered assistance to us during the past year, and to our Heavenly Father for the answers to prayers that we have received.

We ask for your prayers that these homes may continue to be a blessing to the Japanese people in these four large cities.

## JAPANESE EVANGELISTIC SOCIETY

The work of the Japanese Evangelistic Society is divided into three parts: (1) Making plans for, and carrying out general evengelistic movements; (2) Giving aid to preachers and their families who are in need; (3) Providing for the Conference Expenses.

In order to carry out these purposes, our Society raises funds from all the Churches. During the year, various evangelistic movements have been carried on among the Japanese in America. Last Fall Mr. Toyohiko Kagawa, a noted Evangelist came from Japan, and early this year, Mr. Temmanobeji, a successful Sunday School worker came, and both of them travelled among their countrymen in the United States for Evangelistic purposes and they had splendid success.

Recently, Prof. Sadakichi Sato, a prominent Scientist of the Imperial Japanese University of Tokyo, came and he is now holding revival meetings up and down the Coast with remarkabe results. Since all these movements have been undertaken by the Church Federation functioning in the various States, our Society has simply given its hearty co-operation, and it does not feel it necessary to take up any Evangelistic movement besides.

During the year, we were able to help a number of pastors and their families in need. Besides raising an extra fund in accordance with the Resolution of last Conference and made a presentation of $500 to our Superintendent, Dr. H. B. Johnson, to express our gratitude for his faithful work and also to express our congratulations on his speedy recovery. Over twenty years since he came to this Coast his strenuous living and vigorous health were a great surprise to us all. Not for a week nor even for a day did he take a vacation for rest; but unfortunately he was taken ill last year and had to pass some time in bed. However, he has now entirely recovered and is with us in his usual health and strength.

In accordance with a Resolution of our last Annual Meeting, a fund has been created for Educational purposes which will be kept to help

young people who are attending School for Biblical and Theological study.

**Finances**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received for Preachers Aid | | $278.32 |
| Paid Out | | 152.25 |
| Balance on Hand | | 126.07 |
| Permanent Fund | $144.05 | |
| Educational Fund | $70.00 | |
| Received for Conference Expenses | | $551.00 |
| Paid out for Conference Expenses | | 532.00 |
| Balance | | 19.00 |

Zenro Hirota, President.

# Committee's Reports

## AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of H. B. Johnson, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Pacific Japanese Mission, to the First of September, 1925, including accounts under the regular appropriations and the special accounts, including the Conference collections, and have found them correct.

Milton S. Vail,
Y. Tsuda.

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

As the Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path which lighteth every man coming into the world, the demand for Bibles is tremendous. Last year the Society had its largest circulation —having put into circulation, 6,652,299 Bibles and Portions of the Scripture in 175 languages. In America, 100 languages are used.

On February 23, 1925, when the Japanese Squadron visited the port of San Francisco, 2000 Bibles were presented to the Officers, Cadets, and crew. Surely this was a great opportunity graciously received for Evangeiism.

We recommend the following Resolutions:

(1) We pastors will all give heed to distributing the Bible so that every Japanese residing in America may come to the knowledge of Christianity.

(2) We pastors wil heartily co-operate in every way with the American Bible Society in placing every where the Words of Eternal Life.

T. J. Machida,
H. Sato,
I. Haratani.

## EPWORTH LEAGUES

Because of the Exclusion Immigration Laws, and because of the increasing number of American-born Japanese young people, our attention now naturally centers upon the English speaking and American born Japanese young people who can best be helped by Epworth Leagues, and so we recommend:

(1) That our Churches encourage the organization of Epworth Leagues as much as possible.

(2) That the pastors organize Junior Epworth Leagues at the earliest possible moment, seizing every advantage to co-operate with other Epworth League organizations in the community. Morover, feeling there should be Alliances formed of our young peoples organizations to encourage one another and to present a united moral force for betterment of their social life, we recommend: , „

(3) That our churches, in the various districts, frequently have joint Epworth League Rallies.

C. Haruyama,
H. Arima,
S. Arima.

## EVANGELISM

It is necessary for all Christian workers to keep and maintain the Spirit of Evangelism at all times as Christ gave us commission of carrying the Gospel to the end of the earth, however, this is one of the most delicate tasks and few are successful, yet we would suggest the following in order to have successful Evangelism for the coming Conference year:

(1). Making the Japanese-American Christian Advocate chiefly an Evangelistic organ.

(2). Organize the Evangelistic Committee in each Church and in due season enter into the vigorous campaign work with the aid of our other churches for the salvation of the lost, and the up-building of the Kingdom of God.

For the means of this work we should select some special committee from the body of the Japanese Evangelistic Society.

(3) Every pastor should put his full effort into stirring up the Spirit of Evangelism among the members so that they may work hard toward the success of this important duty for every believer in Christ.

(4) We should hold the class meetings or Cottage Meetings in every community as often as we can, and maintain the Spirit of Evangelism among Christians, and aim for the great success in saving of the whole community for Christ.

S. Izaki,
K. Baba,
T. J. Machida.

## TEMPRANCE AND SOCIAL REFORM

Everybody will certainly agree that Prohibition is a very great force in the promotion of Social Reform. It is much to be regretted that the progress of this Reform is slow, notwithstanding great efforts are being made by Government Authorities for the complete abolishment of the nefarious liquor business.

The passing of the Oriental Exclusion Laws has had, and still is having a very depressing effect on the financial and moral condition of Japanese laborers and many have become discouraged, and fallen prey to vicious temptations.

Resolved that we will do all we can to overcome these evil tendencies and to uphold the highest Christian ideals.

## WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM

We, the committee of the World Service, want to note the following three points:

(1) We appreciate very much the increased interest in World Service on the part of the whole church. We are greatly encouraged because of the more hopeful outlook.

(2) We greatly appreciate also the loyalty our Japanese Churches have shown in their contribution to the Centenary and especially because of their renewed interest in the World Service program.

(3) In the redistribution of the World Service income, we beg to suggest a large support of the work of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, especially among the foreign speaking peoples. In our own work, the needed help at the present time in securing modern equipment would be an untold value in our future development.

H. B. Johnson,
S. Uemura,
Z. Hirota,
H. Arima,
Otoe So.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Bishop William O. Shepard LL. D.

One of the first Conferences presided over by Bishop Shepard was the Annual Mission Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission held in Los Angeles, in 1912 Bishop Shepard won our hearts then by his uniform courtesy and manifest interest in our work. During the strenuous days of the present Annual Meeting he has been daily pointing to the Lamb of God, the Saviour of Mankind. His presence has been a benediction to us all. We are sorry that Mrs. Shepard, who has been doing so much for the Japanese in Portland can not be with us at this time.

**Dr. D. D. Forsyth.**

We desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of all that Dr. Forsyth and his staff associates have done for us during the past year. We feel that in him we have a steadfast friend.

**Dr. H. B. Johnson.**

Our Superintendent has continued to push forward the work with his usual zeal and success. God has heard our prayers in his behalf, and we trust he may be spared for years to come, to carry on the work so dear to his heart.

**Dr. George B. Dean.**

Dr. George B. Bean of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension rendered us fine service in addressing us several times, and in being present at our Board Meeting, helping us by his good advice to act wisely, and we say, "God bless you in the work of Evangelism wherever you go." "Please come again."

**Dr. Mills.**

Dr. Edward Laird Mills, Editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate was present and addressed us. We feel that in him we have a true friend and brother. We heartily commend the Editorial Policy of the Pacific Christian Advocate in dealing with our delicate international relations.

His Imperial Majesty's Vice Consul Miyazawa honored us by his presence at the Bishop's Reception and addressed the meeting. He also invited us to a reception at his beautiful residence.

We wish to record our hearty appreciation of the courtesy shown us on these occasions.

**Rev. S. S. Osterhaut D. D.**

Dr. Ousterhaut, Superintendent of the Chinese and Japanese Methodist Missions in Canada came from Vancouver and gave us an interesting address.

Our Secretaries deserve mention for the careful performance of their tasks. Many families received us as guests, thus reducing our expenses and giving us a fine opportunity to become acquainted. The Ladies Aid Society prepared nice lunches for us during the week. The Church, under the infatigable efforts of the Officials, and with the help of the very efficient Pastor, the Rev. Y. Yamaka, did every thing possible for our comfort. College graduates in the city gave us a supper and the Japanese Newspaper invited us to a dinner. Church members provided an extended automobile drive through the interesting parts of the great city. The Japanese Seattle Church Federation provided us a fine Chinese Banquet, which gave us the opportunity of getting acquainted with the Ministers of five Denominations. The Woman's Home Missionary Society showed us great hospitality and the Reception given by it to Bishop Shepard and the Conference will not soon be forgotten. We can not speak too highly of the work done for our Japanese women and children by the Woman's Home

Missionary Society. Mr. and Mrs. M. Furuya capped the climax by entertaining us at their beautiful summer home at Crystal Springs. Here, upon the green, under shady trees, we hed the last Business Meeting of our Conference. Business over, Bishop Shepard led a Consecration Service that will not be forgotten. Here we dedicated ourselves anew to the great work of saving souls, and preparatory steps were taken to enter upon a Religious Campaign at an eary date.

Upon all who helped to make the Meeting a success, we pray God's richest blessings.

Milton S. Vail,
Otoe So.

## REPORT ON EXAMINATIONS

S. Miyazaki having completed his Conference Course and having been excused from further examinations. (P. 13 of P. J. Minutes of 1924) we recommend that he be recognized by the California Conference as having completed the Conference Course, and that he be elected to Elder's Orders.

C. J. Tagashira was detained from being present at our Conference, and we recommend that he be left in the First Year's Class on Trial.

Somihiko Arima appeared before the Committee, but was not quite prepared for examination. We recommend that he be left in the First Class on Probation.

Seiichi Niwa was not present before the Committee though he took a partial examination some weeks ago. We recommend that he be left in the Second Year's Class.

Chozo Haruyama passed in the examination of the Third Years Course of Study, and we recommend that he be advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year's Class.

Harukichi Satow, a member in full of the Japan Methodist Church and ordained a Deacon, has had charge of our church at Bakersfield the past year and wishes to transfer into the California Conference. He has completed the first two years of study in the Japan Methodist Church. We recommend that he be admitted, as in full, into the California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be placed in the Studies of the Third Year's Class.

Yonosuke Sasaki presented the following Certificate—"This is to certify that the bearer, Yonosuke Sasaki is a full member of the East Conference of the Japan Methodist Church and has received Elder's Orders." — Kogoro Uzaki, Presiding Bishop.

This Brother is a graduate of our Theological School in Tokyo and has been preaching in Japan for the past five years. We recommend his transfer into the California Conference as a member in full, with studies complete.

We recommend that T. J. Machida be admitted on Trial into the California Conference and placed in the Studies of the First Year's Class.

# HERBERT BUELL JOHNSON

(An Editorial in the California Christian Advocate, Dr. E. P. Dennett, Editor.)

On Tuesday morning, November 24th, 1925, Dr. Herbert Buell Johnson breathed his last at the hospital at North Platte, Nebraska. On his way to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, he was taken ill and left the train at North Platte. The pastor of the Methodist Church, Dr. Ray, in response to a telegram, met him at the station, and he was taken to the hospital. He was treated by a Methodist physician, who gave him every attention that could be given.

At its opening session on Thursday the announcement was made to the members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of Dr. Johnson's illness, and a motion was made that a message of sympathy be sent. This message he received and it gave him great comfort and cheer. The editor received a night letter from Dr. Johnson on Saturday evening, November 21st, about his return west. We left the train at North Platte and hastened to his bedside. He was in a semi-comatose condition, from which he did not rally and went quietly to his last sleep.

It is hard to write of this man without seeming to use superlatives: and his simple, frank nature had no use for superlatives. Dr. Johnson was born April 30, 1858 in the State of New York; converted in 1876; graduated from Drew Seminary; married in New York in 1883; served several pastorates in the Wyoming Conference; sailed from San Francisco for Japan on November 19, 1887. He served as missionary to Japan until 1904, when he became superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In that twenty-one years he threw himself into Christian work with the Japanese in a manner that built up a strong and vital Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church on the Pacific Coast. But he has done more than build up this splendid body of Christian men and women—he has represented Christian America to Japan and to the Japanese in a very notable manner. In him the Japanese saw what Christianity really meant and what Americanism, at its best, was. The mouthing of demagogues, the loose talk of careless thinkers, had little effect on the minds of those who had known him. More than any other man on the Coast, he has helped to clarify and stabilize and steady the thinking of the Christian people on the Japanese question. His life made for the maintenance and perpetuation of cordial relations between the Japanese and Americans in times when there was much to strain these relations.

He was a man of unusual ability and personality. He was a member of the California Annual Conference, which twice sent him as a delegate to the General Conference. Although he had a severe illness

in Des Moines in 1920, and in California in the early months of 1924 he was so ill that it was feared he could not serve in the General Conference to which he had been elected, he recovered sufficiently to serve; and in that Conference he was a valuable and useful member of the Judiciary Committee, to which he rendered distinguished services in several important matters. He helped form the utterance of the Church, passed by the General Conference, which was sent to President Coolidge.

In his relations with ministers and laymen he was a brother beloved whose counsel and companionship were prized in the higest degree. As a representative American he made all see what America was at its best. They knew that the base and low and commercialized did not represent America. As a Christian he made all people know what Christianity at its best was. He was a representative Christian, clear-headed and with a noble character. He was an ornament to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church to which he had given his life. As an administrator he was patient and wise and skillful. He handled difficult matters in a way to conserve the best interests and steadily promote progress.

But while loyal to the Church of which he was a minister and which he loved, he was no narrow denominationalist. The Kingdom was greater than any Church; and in him all Christians found a fellow Christian, and the leaders of every denomination found a strong man with whom they were glad to confer about matters of Kingdom importance. He was really a figure of national and international importance. What he said and did interested people everywhere who were interested in Pacific relations on the great Pacific Ocean. We quote in this connection, what Bishop Burns said at the meeting of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in Indianapolis: "In this generation Dr. Johnson is the outstanding Christian statesman on the Pacific Coast. No other man has made a more significant contribution to racial understanding in terms of religious expression than he. He is our Methodist ambassador extraordinary to the Japanese, devotedly loved and everywhere honored." The Emporer of Japan, a number of years ago, gave to Dr. Johnson the highest decoration that is ever given to a foreigner; and his personality was a real factor in helping to amicably adjust matters when foolish politicians had led us in ways that were unwise and unjust.

The Japanese on the Coast who knew him honored and loved and trusted him. Brother Hirota, pastor of the Japanese Church in Denver, made a trip from Denver to North Platte for the express purpose of seeing him in his last illness. His brothers in the ministry honored and loved and trusted him and ranked him among their strongest and best. It will be difficult to fill his position as superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission. His passing has made a vacancy in the circles of Christian workers. He will be deeply missed; but because

he lived it is easier to believe in America, because he was an American; it is easier to be a Christian, because he was a Christian; it is easier to be a minister, because he was an honored minister. The Church extends his wife and sons its sincerest congratulations that he was theirs and their lives will always be enriched by his memory; and its heartiest sympathy in the loss of the beloved husband and honored father.

# Statistics No. 1

| NAME OF CHARGE | MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Sup. of Pastor: Total Claim inc. house rent | Sup. of Pastor: Total Paid, inc. house rent | Sup. of Pastor: Rental Value of Parsonage | Dist. Supt.—Claim | Dist. Supt.—Paid | Bishops—Claim | Bishops—Paid | Conf. Claimants—Claim | Conf. Claimants—Paid | Total Paid for Ministerial Support | Total Deficiency | Ch. Members. Baptis.: Children Baptised | Adults Baptised | Prep.: Prep Mem Recvd during year | Prep.: Prep. Mem. on Roll now |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Bakersfield | 1380 | 792 | 180 | | | 7 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 809 | 408 | | | | |
| 2. Berkeley | 1590 | 906 | | | | 9 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 927 | 684 | 6 | 6 | 5 | |
| 3. Denver & Col. Ct. | 2100 | 936 | 300 | | | 11 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 962 | 864 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 3 |
| 4. Florin | 1500 | 576 | 300 | | | 10 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 595 | 624 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5. Fresno-Selma | 1020 | 192 | 240 | | | 13 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 222 | 588 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| 6. Imperial Valley | 1500 | 636 | 300 | | | 11 | | 15 | | 636 | 564 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| 7. Loomis | 1500 | 732 | 300 | | | 11 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 758 | 468 | 9 | | 39 | 4 |
| 8. Los Angeles | 3120 | 1464 | 420 | | | 22 | 22 | 29 | 29 | 1515 | 1236 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 2 |
| 9. Oakland | 1800 | 1008 | 360 | | | 21 | 21 | 27 | 27 | 1056 | 492 | 9 | 7 | | |
| 10. Oxnard | 1380 | 636 | 180 | | | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 650 | 564 | 7 | 7 | 6 | |
| 11. Palo Alto | 560 | 164 | | | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 171 | 396 | 5 | 1 | 2 | |
| 12. Portland-Hood Rv | 1500 | 684 | 360 | | | 14 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 717 | 516 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 |
| 13. Riverside Fed. Ch | 1500 | 804 | 300 | | | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 823 | 396 | 12 | 15 | 9 | |
| 14. Sacramento | 1560 | 732 | 300 | | | 13 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 762 | 468 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| 15. San Francisco | 1836 | 900 | | | | 18 | 18 | 24 | 24 | 942 | 936 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 1 |
| 16. San Jose | 840 | 300 | 240 | | | 7 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 317 | 300 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 4 |
| 17. Seattle & Wash Ct | 1920 | 1536 | | | | 22 | 22 | 29 | 29 | 1587 | 384 | 5 | 4 | | 2 |
| 18. So. Colorado Ct. | 216 | 36 | | | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 43 | 189 | | | | |
| 19. Spokane | 978 | 678 | | | | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 687 | 300 | | | 12 | 1 |
| 20. Tacoma | 1758 | 1182 | | | | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 1201 | 576 | | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| 21. Vacaville | 96 | | | | | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 96 | | | | |
| Totals, 1925 | 29594 | 14894 | 3630 | | | 225 | 210 | 300 | 285 | 15389 | 11040 | 109 | 134 | 152 | 29 |
| Totals, 1924 | 28244 | 13779 | 3480 | | | | 190 | | 164 | 14127 | 10950 | 109 | 102 | 124 | 22 |

# Statistics No .2

| PASTOR'S NAME | Church Members: Full Membership: Recvd from P. M. & Prof'n Faith | Recvd by Transfer | Full Mem. now on Roll | Non Res. Membrs | Deaths | Ep. League Seniors | Ep. League Juniors | CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Buildings | Estimated Value of Land and Bldgs. | Parsonages | Estimated Value of Land and Bldgs. | Value of Other Properties | Paid for Buildings and Improvments | Paid on Old Ind. on Property | Present Indebtedness on Property | Current Expenses | Subs. to Advocate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. H. Satow | | | 51 | 16 | | | | 1 | 4000 | | | 750 | | | | 320 | 5 |
| 2. Z. Hirota | 4 | 2 | 61 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 25 | | | | | | | | | 411 | 10 |
| 3. K. Yoshioka | 29 | | 120 | | 1 | | | 1 | 4500 | | | | | | | 575 | 17 |
| 4. I. Haratani | 2 | | 70 | | 2 | 20 | 25 | 1 | 3800 | | | 600 | 50 | | | 485 | 17 |
| 5. T. G. Machida | 8 | | 65 | 23 | | 15 | 21 | 1 | 2000 | 1 | 1500 | 2000 | 30 | | | 650 | 10 |
| 6. S. Arima | | | 62 | 22 | | 30 | 16 | 1 | 20000 | 1 | 1000 | | 2800 | | 2500 | 925 | 7 |
| 7. S. Takata | | | 76 | 15 | | 47 | 19 | 1 | 4200 | 1 | 1200 | | | | | 590 | 10 |
| 8. S. Saito | 2 | 3 | 151 | 72 | | 30 | | 1 | 33000 | 1 | 8000 | | 5000 | | | 575 | 17 |
| 9. H. Arima | | 2 | 91 | 246 | 1 | 14 | 22 | 1 | 20000 | 1 | 3000 | 1500 | 400 | | 500 | 1656 | 10 |
| 10. K. Baba | | | 25 | 60 | 1 | 15 | 17 | 1 | 3000 | 1 | 1500 | | 100 | | | | |
| 11. E. S. Fujinaga | 4 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 1 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | 101 | 5 |
| 12. S. Uemura | 11 | 2 | 77 | 97 | | 25 | 16 | 1 | 15000 | 1 | 5000 | | | | | 472 | 4 |
| 13. Otoe So | 4 | | 35 | | | 25 | 15 | 1 | 5000 | 1 | 1000 | | | | | 715 | 10 |
| 14. S. Mujazaki | | | 65 | 60 | | 26 | 18 | 1 | 5700 | 1 | 4300 | | | | | 418 | 10 |
| 15. Y. Tsuda | 5 | 1 | 119 | 92 | | 47 | 16 | 1 | 33000 | 1 | 9000 | | 60 | 60 | 40 | 809 | 15 |
| 16. C. Haruyama | 13 | 5 | 74 | 2 | 1 | 35 | | 1 | 4000 | | | | 130 | | | 230 | 10 |
| 17. Y. Yamaka | 15 | | 180 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 5 | 1 | 20000 | | | | 1400 | | 400 | 1010 | 2 |
| 18. H. Shigeta | | | 20 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | 426 | 3 |
| 19. | | | 7 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | 396 | 3 |
| 20. S. Izaki | 12 | 1 | 60 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 15 | | | | | | | | | 851 | 5 |
| 21. Y. Tsuda | | | 12 | | | | | 1 | 3150 | | | | | | | 69 | 5 |
| Totals, 1924 | 109 | 21 | 1438 | 756 | 11 | 446 | 230 | 16 | 180350 | 10 | 35500 | 4850 | 9970 | 60 | 3440 | 11744 | 163 |
| Totals, 1925 | | | 1672 | 461 | 10 | 503 | 222 | 16 | 160625 | 10 | 35250 | | 7055 | 250 | 900 | 9740 | |

# Treasurer's Report No. 1

| NAME OF CHARGE | Disciplinary Benevolences: World Service On Apportionment | World Service Specials, Annuities, Etc. | Children's Day Fund | W. F. M. Society | W. H. M. Society | Total Dis. Benevolences. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Bakersfield | 124 | | | | | 124 |
| 2. Berkeley | 180 | | | | | 180 |
| 3. Denver, Colorado Ct. | 243 | | | | | 243 |
| 4. Florin | 132 | | | | | 132 |
| 5. Fresno, Selma | 326 | | | | | 326 |
| 6. Imperial Valley | 100 | | | | | 100 |
| 7. Loomis | 65 | | 5 | | | 70 |
| 8. Los Angeles | 200 | | | | | 200 |
| 9. Oakland | 152 | | | | | 152 |
| 10. Oxnard | 198 | | | | | 198 |
| 11. Palo Alto | 74 | | | | | 74 |
| 12. Portland & Hood River | 376 | | | | | 376 |
| 13. Riverside Federated Church | 200 | | | | | 200 |
| 14. Sacramento & Marysville | 150 | | | | | 150 |
| 15. San Francisco | 364 | | | | | 364 |
| 16. San Jose | 150 | | | | | 150 |
| 17. Seattle & Wash. Ct. | 392 | | | | | 392 |
| 18. Southern Colorado Ct. | 75 | | | | | 75 |
| 19. Spokane | 102 | | | | | 102 |
| 20. Tacoma | 195 | | | | | 195 |
| 21. Vacaville | 50 | | | | | 50 |
| Totals, 1925 | 3848 | | 5 | | | 3853 |
| Totals, 1924 | 3828 | | | | | 3828 |

# Treasurer's Report No. 2

| LIST NO. | Benevolences Ordered by Annual Conf.: Educational Endowment, Buildings, Etc. | Hospitals and Homes, End., Bldgs., Etc. | City Mis. Society | Sustentation Fund | Other Benevolences | Pastor's 1 per cent. | Wesley Foundation | State Church Federation | Conf. Minutes Fund | Total Benevo. Ordered by An. Conf. | Other Cash Items: Support Dis. Supt. | Support of Bishops | Support Conf. Claimants. | An. Conf. Investment for Sup. Conf. Claimants. | General Conf. Ex. | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. H. Satow | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 10 | | 2 | 143 |
| 2. Z. Hirota | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 12 | | 3 | 204 |
| 3. K. Yoshioka | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 15 | | | 269 |
| 4. I. Haratani | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 13 | | | 151 |
| 5. T. G. Machida | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 17 | | 5 | 361 |
| 6. S. Arima | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100 |
| 7. S. Takata | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 15 | | 4 | 100 |
| 8. S. Saito | | | | | | | | | | | | 22 | 29 | | 7 | 258 |
| 9. H. Arima | | | | | | | | | | | | 21 | 27 | | | 200 |
| 10. K. Baba | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 8 | | 2 | 214 |
| 11. E. S. Fujinaga | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 82 |
| 12. S. Uemura | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 19 | | 5 | 414 |
| 13. Otoe So | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 11 | | 3 | 222 |
| 14. S. Mujazaki | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 17 | | 5 | 185 |
| 15. Y. Tsuda | | | | | | | | | | | | 18 | 24 | | 6 | 412 |
| 16. C. Haruyama | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 10 | | 2 | 169 |
| 17. Y. Yamaka | | | | | | | | | | | | 22 | 29 | | 7 | 450 |
| 18. H. Shigeta | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 83 |
| 19. | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 5 | | 1 | 112 |
| 20. S. Izaki | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 11 | | 3 | 217 |
| 21. Y. Tsuda | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 5 | | 1 | 60 |
| Totals, 1924 | | | | | | | | | | | | 210 | 285 | | 58 | 4406 |
| Totals, 1925 | | | | | | | | | | | | 190 | 164 | | 57 | 5014 |

# Sunday Schools

| NAME OF CHARGE | Sunday Schools | Off. & Teachers | PUPILS ENROLLED | | | | | | | | Total Enrollment in All Depts. | Aver. Attendance | Pupils Inc. Home Dpt. Ch. Mem. or Pr M. | Ac. to Ch. from S.S. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Cradle Roll | Beginners | Primary | Junior | Intermediate | Senior | Young People | Adults | Home Dept. | | | | | |
| 1. Bakersfield | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 2 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 48 | 45 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 2. Berkeley | 1 | 13 | .... | 29 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 7 | .... | .... | 86 | 68 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 3. Denver & Col. Ct. | 1 | 3 | .... | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 33 | 20 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 4. Florin | 2 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | 90 | 70 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 5. Fresno-Selma | 3 | 12 | .... | 15 | 37 | 54 | 20 | 17 | 2 | .... | .... | 157 | 95 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 6. Imperial Valley | 1 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 30 | 12 | 25 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 98 | 60 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 7. Loomis | 1 | 13 | 45 | 28 | 22 | 15 | 18 | .... | .... | 23 | .... | 164 | 115 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 8. Los Angeles | 1 | 7 | .... | 50 | 30 | 10 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 110 | 60 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 9. Oakland | 1 | 14 | 28 | 36 | 18 | 28 | 11 | 10 | .... | 4 | .... | 149 | 115 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 10. Oxnard | 1 | 5 | 52 | 15 | 18 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 5 | .... | .... | 126 | 65 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 11. Palo Alto | 1 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 8 | .... | 59 | 42 | 13 | .... | .. |
| 12. Portland-Hood Rv | 1 | 9 | .... | 31 | 35 | 19 | .... | .... | .... | 9 | .... | 103 | 83 | 25 | .... | .. |
| 13. Riverside Fed. Ch | 1 | 9 | 48 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | .... | .... | 137 | 65 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 14. Sacramento | 2 | 14 | 30 | 42 | 36 | 31 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 153 | 100 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 15. San Francisco | 1 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | 128 | 54 | 22 | .... | .. |
| 16. San Jose | 3 | 19 | 15 | 59 | 42 | 44 | 11 | .... | 26 | .... | .... | 212 | 130 | 41 | .... | .. |
| 17. Seattle & Wash Ct | 1 | 20 | 35 | 60 | 90 | 50 | 20 | .... | 45 | .... | .... | 320 | 200 | 53 | .... | .. |
| 18. Southern Colo... | 1 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 7 | .... | 2 | .... | 3 | 15 | .... | 45 | 30 | ..... | .... | .. |
| 19. Spokane | 1 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 16 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 63 | 48 | 7 | .... | .. |
| 20. Tacoma | 1 | 10 | 20 | 22 | 31 | 49 | 25 | 7 | 5 | 16 | .... | 185 | 95 | 8 | .... | .. |
| 21. Vacaville | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. |
| Totals, 1925 | 26 | 203 | 332 | 499 | 498 | 423 | 225 | 97 | 108 | 75 | .... | 2467 | 1560 | 169 | .... | .. |
| Totals, 1924 | 26 | 177 | 338 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2469 | 1271 | 238 | .... | .. |

| | Year | Meeting | Place | President | Superintendent | Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1900 | Sept. 12 | Pacific Grove, Cal. | John W. Hamilton | Merriman C. Harris | Y. T. Kondo |
| 2 | 1901 | Sept. 10 | San Francisco, Cal. | C. C. McCabe | Merriman C. Harris | Y. S. Sacon |
| 3 | 1902 | Sept. 17 | San Francisco, Cal. | I. W. Joyce | Merriman C. Harris | K. Obata |
| 4 | 1903 | Sept. 4 | San Francisco, Cal. | Earl Cranston | Merriman C. Harris | Z. Hirota |
| 5 | 1904 | Aug. 31 | San Francisco, Cal. | Luther B. Wilson | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 6 | 1905 | Sept. 18 | San Francisco, Cal. | Joseph F. Berry | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 7 | 1906 | Sept. 5 | San Francisco, Cal. | David H. Moore | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 8 | 1907 | Sept. 5 | Fresno, Cal. | Thomas B. Neely | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 9 | 1908 | Sept. 4 | Oakland, Cal. | Henry W. Warren | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 10 | 1909 | Aug. 25 | Seattle, Wash. | Charles W. Smith | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 11 | 1910 | Sept. 2 | San Francisco, Cal. | Edwin H. Hughes | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 12 | 1911 | Sept. 11 | Pacific Grove, Cal. | Edwin H. Hughes | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 13 | 1912 | Aug. 30 | Los Angeles, Cal. | Wm. O. Shepard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 14 | 1913 | Aug. 20 | Seattle, Wash. | Richard J. Cooke | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 15 | 1914 | Sept. 20 | Oakland, Cal. | Francis J. McConnell | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 16 | 1915 | Sept. 13 | San Francisco, Cal. | Edwin H. Hughes | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 17 | 1916 | Sept. 11 | Santa Cruz, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 18 | 1917 | Sept. 6 | Berkeley, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 19 | 1918 | Sept. 12 | San Francisco, Cal. | Wilbur P. Thirkield | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 20 | 1919 | Sept. 12 | Santa Cruz, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 21 | 1920 | Sept. 7 | Oakland, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 22 | 1921 | Sept. 19 | San Jose, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 23 | 1922 | Sept. 21 | Santa Cruz, Cal. | Herbert B. Johnson | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 24 | 1923 | Sept. 7 | Nevada City, Cal. | Adna W. Leonard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 25 | 1924 | Aug. 27 | Oakland, Calif. | Charles Wesley Burns | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |
| 26 | 1925 | Sept. 3 | Seattle, Wash. | Wm. O. Shepard | Herbert B. Johnson | Milton S. Vail |

# PROGRAM

**Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting**

**Preliminary Meeting:**

Under Direction of Dr. H. B. Johnson, Superintendent

**Monday, August Thirty-first:**

All Day Retreat.

**Tuesday September First:**

9:00 a. m. Devotions ..... S. Arima
Opening Address ..... The Superintendent
Organization and Preliminary Business
Conference Examinations

2:00 p. m. Annual Meeting of Japanese Evangelistic Society .....
..... Z. Hirota, President

3:00 p. m. Discussion: S. Miyazaki ..... Chairman
General Topic "Children and Young People"
Educational and Social Plans ..... S. Satow and C. Haruyama

8:00 p. m. Platform Meeting ..... Y. Tsuda, Chairman
The Personality of Jesus ..... Otoe So
Modernizing the Church ..... H. Arima

**Wednesday, September Second:**

9:00 a. m. Devotions ..... Milton S. Vail
Our Publishing Interests:
Report of Chief Editor ..... E. S. Takata
Report of Treasurer ..... Y. Tsuda
Discussions and Recommendations
Miscellaneous Matters

2:00 p. m. Round Table ..... I. Haratani, Chairman
Suggested Topics:
Essentials of Evangelism
Training for Leadership
Needed Equipment for Modern Work
The Minister's Most Important Task

(Members will be free to suggest other topics)

8:00 p. m. RECEPTION TO BISHOP WILLIAM O. SHEPARD
and Members of the Conference.
Chairman ..... Y. Yamaka, Pastor

# Annual Meeting

Under Presidency of Bishop William O. Shepard, D. D.

**Thursday, Septmber Third:**

9:00 a. m. The Lord's Supper ..... Bishop Shepard
Organization of the Conference
Reports:
Superintendent ..... H. B. Johnson
Anglo-Japanese School ..... Milton S. Vail
Japanese Bureau, W. H. M. S. ..... Mrs. J. H. McCallum
Japanese Evangeistic Society ..... Zenro Hirota
Introductions
2:00 p. m. Devotions ..... T. J. Machida
Committee Meetings
4:00 p. m. Platform Meeting ..... E. S. Takata, Chairman
Historical Study of the Doctrine of the Trinity ..... S. Izaki
The Pastor and Community Interests ..... S. Uemura

**Friday, September Fourth:**

9:00 a. m. Devotional Address ..... Bishop Shepard
Minute Business
Reports of Pastors
Report of Japanese-American Christian Advocate.
11:00 a. m. Special World Service Program ..... Dr. George B. Dean
2:00 p. m. Committee Meetings

**Saturday, September Fifth:**

9:00 a. m. Devotional Address ..... Bishop Shepard
Minute Business
Reports of Committees
Miscellaneous Business

**Sunday, September Sixth:**

10:00 a. m. Conference Love Feast ..... K. Baba
11:00 a. m. Sermon ..... Bishop Shepard
7:30 p. m. Sermons ..... S. Saito and Z. Hirota
Appointments by Bishop Shepard

# Editor's Note

It is a great honor to be called upon to assist in the completion of the work which Dr. Herbert Buell Johnson laid down when his hands became too weary to carry it longer. He left the materials for the publication of this issue of the Minutes of the Pacific Japanese Mission in perfect order. All of us who knew Dr. Johnson would expect him to do that. So, the work of editing these Minutes has not been a task, but a work of love on my part.

I greatly loved and honored Dr. Johnson. Our acquaintance has covered several years. We had the privilege of rather close and intimate association at Springfield in May, 1924. He was the kind of man for whom your affection increased on the more intimate acquaintance. Noble and honorable action and high thinking were as natural with him as were those genial manners with which we are all so familiar. His devotion to the cause of the Japanese in America has only added to the high esteem of every worthy native-born American.

I have included in this issue of the Minutes an appreciation by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, and an editorial by Dr. E. P. Dennett in the California Christian Advocate. These I have selected from the flood of testimonials to the life and work of Dr. Johnson, a wealth of appreciative expression which of itself would fill a volume.

His work in building the Japanese Mission to its present strength has set a new standard for us all.

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